



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 274

LCO No. 1914



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STREAMLINING WHEELCHAIR
REPAIRS FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall study the process by which repairs to wheelchairs are
3 approved and completed for recipients of medical assistance and
4 methods to streamline the process. The study shall include, but need
5 not be limited to: (1) The average length of time it takes the
6 Department of Social Services to process requests for wheelchair
7 repairs, (2) whether recipients of medical assistance are given
8 replacement wheelchairs while repairs are being done, (3) the number
9 of complaints from medical assistance recipients regarding repairs of
10 wheelchairs, and (4) the average cost to repair and replace a
11 wheelchair. Not later than December 1, 2016, the commissioner shall
12 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
13 statutes, on the results of the study and recommendations to
14 streamline the wheelchair repair process to the joint standing
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
16 relating to human services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To study the process by which the Department of Social Services approves and completes wheelchair repairs for medical assistance recipients and identify methods to streamline the process.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]